REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed March 1, 2006, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1 through 31 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 through 20 are allowed. Claims 21 through 31 have been withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants have canceled claims 21-31 and respectfully request reconsideration of the application as amended herein.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants herein acknowledge the Examiner's argument regarding the propriety of the previous restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Without acquiescing in the Examiner's position or agreeing as to the propriety of same, Applicant has canceled claims 21-31 to expedite prosecution of the application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has considered the Information Disclosure Statement of May 27, 2005 and has considered the contents thereof, including the UK Search Report listed under "Other Documents," even though the Examiner has elected to strike through the citation of this document so that it will not be printed on the face of any subsequently issued patent. Applicant further notes that the document in question was submitted as information which the Examiner might consider to be "material" under the duty of disclosure, and respectfully submits that inclusion thereof on the face of a patent subsequently issuing from the present application is entirely proper. However, since the Examiner has considered the search report and so stated on the record, Applicant is satisfied.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1 through 20 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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